

# TALES OF THE UNUSUAL

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THE FUTURE SPIRIT: PART 10





A FUTURE  
SPIRIT..!?



.....!

JUMP

OH MY..  
YOU'RE  
AWAKE?





S, SIR,  
YOU SHOULDN'T  
MOVE SO  
SUDDENLY.

STUMBLE



IF THIS  
IS A FUTURE  
SPIRIT..

THAT MEANS  
THAT JIYOUNG IS  
ALIVE..!





MAYBE...

PLEASE..!!



WHISH





SHE DOESN'T  
HAVE A SINGLE  
WOUND ON  
HER..





THAT  
MEANS...









THIS IS..

THE SPIRIT  
OF SOMEONE  
ALREADY DEAD..







JYOUNG..

WHY DID YOU  
LET ME LIVE..?

WHY..?



CLASP





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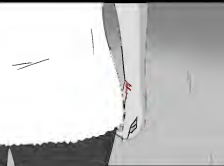


WHAT  
DO YOU MEAN...?  
YOU SAVED ME...



THEN  
WHAT ABOUT  
THIS...?













I TOOK  
THE RING OFF FOR  
A MINUTE DURING  
THE PHOTO  
SHOOT..

WHEW..  
I THOUGHT YOU  
HAD LEFT IT  
AT HOME..



STILL..  
IT'S AMAZING THAT  
YOU MANAGED TO FIND  
ME AND PUT THE  
RING ON ME..

ALTHOUGH  
IT'S IRONIC THAT  
I WAS ABLE TO FIND  
YOU THANKS TO THE  
FUTURE SPIRIT..



A woman with short, wavy brown hair and a white bandage on her left cheek. She has a concerned expression with wide eyes and a slightly open mouth. She is wearing a dark blue or black turtleneck sweater. The background is a plain, light gray wall.

I WAS WONDERING...  
'WHY THE HECK WOULD HE  
BE LOOKING FOR THAT RING  
IN A SITUATION  
LIKE THIS...?'

BUT IT WAS  
ACTUALLY  
PROTECTING US...



DO YOU REMEMBER?  
THE CEILING COLLAPSED  
RIGHT BEFORE WE GOT  
OUT THE DOOR.

I WAS SO  
SHOCKED WHEN YOU  
GOT HURT..

I WAS CONFUSED  
BY WHAT YOU HAD SAID  
BUT THAT WAS THE ONLY  
OPTION AT THE TIME..

HEY...  
SNAP OUT  
OF IT..!





A black and white comic panel showing a person with dark hair wearing a white hoodie. They are looking down with a worried expression in a rocky, outdoor environment. There are two speech bubbles above them. The word 'FUMBLE' is written in large, bold, slanted letters on the left side of the panel.

BOO  
HOO ..!

UGH...

**FUMBLE**

I THINK  
I PUT IT IN  
MY POCKET  
BEFORE.

A black and white comic panel showing a close-up of a hand holding a small, round object between the thumb and index finger. The hand is wearing a white sleeve. A starburst-shaped speech bubble is above the hand.

HERE  
IT IS..!













**HELP!!**

**THERE'S  
SOMEONE HERE!!**



FIRST  
THE RING..  
THEN THE  
AMULET..

AT FIRST,  
I THOUGHT  
YOU WERE A BIT  
UNUSUAL...

D\_DID  
IT LOOK THAT  
STRANGE..?



BUT IN THE  
END, YOU DID  
IT TO HELP ME,  
RIGHT?



JIYOUNG...

DO YOU  
BELIEVE  
EVERYTHING  
THAT I SAID..?





HMM...

HONESTLY,  
THE THING ABOUT  
THE GHOSTS IS STILL  
A BIT CONFUSING.



BUT I TRUST  
YOU MORE THAN  
ANYONE.

SINCE YOU  
PROTECT ME NO  
MATTER WHAT  
HAPPENS.



I SHARED EVERYTHING WITH HER,  
FROM THE STORY OF MY LIFE SO FAR,  
TO THINGS THAT I HADN'T BEEN ABLE TO TELL HER.



THANKFULLY, SHE UNDERSTOOD ME  
AND OUR RELATIONSHIP GOT EVEN STRONGER AFTER THAT DAY,

THEN NOT LONG AFTER THAT,  
HER DAD PASSED AWAY NATURALLY,  
AND I ENDED UP PROTECTING HER ON HIS BEHALF.

TEN OR SO YEARS PASSED,





AS YOU CAN SEE,  
THE STRUCTURAL  
REINFORCEMENT IS  
COMPLETE.





A black and white comic panel showing two men in a room. The man on the right is speaking. There is a window in the background.

IT MAKES  
ME FEEL SAFE  
JUST LOOKING  
AT IT.



YEAH,  
WE MADE IT EVEN  
STURDIER SINCE THERE  
WILL BE STUDENTS  
HERE.

CALL ME  
ANYTIME IF THERE  
ARE ANY PROBLEMS  
OR YOU HAVE ANY  
QUESTIONS, SIR.







SURE,  
I'LL STOP BY AGAIN  
NEXT WEEK TO  
CHECK ON YOU.

I'M WORKING AT A FIRM SPECIALIZING  
IN STRUCTURAL REINFORCEMENT.

WHILE THE RING WAS A  
MODEST MEASURE TO PROTECT MYSELF,  
THE WORK THAT I DO NOW IS A BIT MORE  
PROACTIVE AND ALTRUISTIC.



IF I CAN REDUCE SENSELESS LOSS OF LIVES  
EVEN A LITTLE BIT WITH THIS CONTRIBUTION,  
IT MEANS THAT I CAN PROTECT SEVERAL PEOPLE'S  
HAPPINESS BLOOMING SOMEWHERE IN THE WORLD.





BZZZT-

!

HEY,  
JIYOUNG.

I JUST FINISHED  
WORK TOO. I'LL HEAD  
OVER TO THE SCHOOL  
GATE NOW.



NOW, WE ARE THE ONLY PEOPLE THAT EACH  
OF US HAS SHARED EVERYTHING WITH.

ALTHOUGH I HAVE TOLD HER JUST A SINGLE LIE.





HAVE YOU BEEN  
WAITING LONG?

NO, I JUST  
GOT HERE.



YOU MUST  
BE HUNGRY.  
LET'S GO GET  
SOME DINNER.

SURE,  
SHOULD WE HAVE  
SOME CHICKEN AND  
BEER SINCE IT'S  
FRIDAY?

CHICKEN AND  
BEER SOUNDS  
GOOD—



BY THE WAY,  
TODAY I TOOK THE RING  
OFF FOR A SECOND TO  
GIVE MY HANDS A  
GOOD WASH.

BUT  
I ALMOST FORGOT  
TO PUT IT BACK ON  
BEFORE LEAVING,  
HAHA,

WHAT?  
ARE YOU TRYING TO  
GET YOURSELF HURT...?  
BE CAREFUL!

OKAY,  
I GOT IT.

BUT HONEY,  
I KNOW THAT RING  
IS PROTECTING  
ME.

HMM...?





BUT WHAT IF  
THERE'S A FUTURE SPIRIT  
WATCHING ME NEARBY  
RIGHT NOW..?

SOMETIMES  
IT SCARES ME TO  
THINK THAT...

STUMBLE

HAHA,  
HOW MANY TIMES  
DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU?  
THEY CAN'T EVEN COME  
WITHIN A 60 MILE RADIUS AS  
LONG AS YOU HAVE  
THAT RING ON.

HAHA,  
ALRIGHT.

OF COURSE I HAVE NO INTENTION OF TELLING  
HER HONESTLY ABOUT JUST THIS ONE THING.



NOT NOW AND NOT IN THE FUTURE...

End.



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